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QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1800.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 28, 1800,—the members present were, Allyn, J. Davis, Eliot, Fiske, Kirkland, Minot, Quincy, Sullivan, Tudor, and Webster.

Voted, That Josiah Quincy act as Secretary during the absence of Mr. Freeman.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Professor Ebeling for his donations, and that the Corresponding Secretary be requested to communicate them to him.

ABIEL HOLMES, JEDEDIAH MORSE, WILLIAM SPOONER, and THADDEUS M. HARRIS were appointed a committee to superintend the publications of the Society for the year 1800.

Mr. ELIPHALET PEARSON was chosen a Resident Member, and Mr. THOMAS PIERONNET and Rev. ARTHUR HOMER, D.D., Corresponding Members.

Nominations: Marston Watson, Esq., of Boston, a Resident Member, by the President; William Sullivan, Esq., of Boston, a Resident Member, by Mr. Freeman.

The following donations have been made since the meeting of Jan. 29, 1799:—

For the Collections:—

Letters to and from Hon. Meshech Weare, President of New Hampshire.

Presented by Dr. Redford Webster.

Account of Demerara, by Mr. Thomas Pieronnet.*

Characters collected from Newspapers, by Isaac Mansfield, Esq.

Account of Quebec. Presented by Rev. James Freeman.*

A file of Manuscripts respecting the Colony of Connecticut during the administration of Governor Leete. Presented by President Fitch.

* These manuscripts are printed in Vol. VI. of the Collections. — Eds.

For the Library:—

Dr. Leonard Hoar's Sermon on the Death of Lady Mildmay, from Rev. Thomas Thacher, of Dedham.

Edwards's Observations on the Language of the Muhhekaneew Indians, from Rev. Thaddeus M. Harris.

Dr. Eckley's Sermon on the National Fast, 1799, from the author.

A large collection of Proclamations, Handbills, and other Papers, from Mr. Benjamin Edes.

History of the American War. London, 1780. From Mr. Thomas Pieronnet.

Observations on the Land Company instituted at Philadelphia, 1777; Journals of the House of Representatives and the Senate, for two Sessions of the fifth Congress; Messages of the President, &c.; Reports of Committees, &c.; Accounts of Treasurer, &c.; Receipts and Expenditures; and Laws of the United States, Vol. IV. From Oliver Wolcott, Esq.

Pamphlets on America. London: from 1774 to 1782. From Mr. Thomas Elwin.

Memoir concerning the Salt Springs in the State of New York by Dr. De Witte. From the author.

A file of ancient Manuscripts, from Mr. John Pinchon, of Salem.

An Oration before the Society of Phi Beta Kappa, 1797; another delivered at the Commencement at New Haven, 1798. From the author, Mr. Eben. Grant Marsh.

Memoir on the Extraneous Fossils, denominated Mammoth Bones, by Geo. Turner, Member of the American Philosophical Society. From the author.

Worcester Gazette, for 1799, from Isaiah Thomas, Esq.

Massachusetts Mercury, for 1799, from Messrs. Young & Minns.

Columbian Centinel, for 1799, from Major Russell.

Independent Chronicle, for 1799, from Mr. James White.

A large and valuable collection of Boston Newspapers, from Mr. Jacob Kuhn.

The Spectator, for 1799, from Mr. E. Belden & Co., of New York.

Darwin's Botanic Garden, American edition, from Messrs. T. & J. Swords, of New York.

Hakluyt's Voyages, from James Robinson, Esq.

Sermons on the Moral Law, by David McClure; Shirley's Conferences with Norridgewock Indians, 1754; Account of the Inhabitants of Connecticut, 1774, compared with the number, 1756; Heads of Inquiry concerning Connecticut, in a letter from his Majesty's Secretary, July, 1773; and the Answers of the Governor, &c., October, 1774. From Rev. David McClure.

Six numbers of Le Nord Littéraire of Olivarius, and the fifth volume of Ebeling's American Geography. From Professor Ebeling.

Story's Eulogy on General Washington. Marblehead. From the author.

Colnel Burril's Oration on General Washington. Providence. From the author.

Mr. Mellen's Sermon on the Death of Judge Davis; Mr. Thayer's Sermon at the Installation of Mr. Emerson; Dr. West's Sermon on General

Washington, Boston; Mr. Porter's Eulogy on the same, Roxbury; and Mr. Sewall's Oration on the same, in Portsmouth. From Rev. James Freeman.

Sever's and Oliver's Speeches on the Death of Colonel Lothrop, 1750, and Eulogy on General Washington, pronounced before the American Academy of Arts and Sciences by J. Davis, Esq. Presented by J. Davis, Esq.

Journal of Occurrences in the Detachment commanded by Colonel Benedict Arnold, from Sept. 9, 1775, to Jan. 1, 1776, by Major Jonathan Meigs. From Benjamin Vaughan, Esq.

For the Cabinet:—

A piece of Silver and Lead Ore, from a mine in Friburg, in the Electorate of Upper Saxony; two Prussian Dollars,—one having the impression of the late king, Frederick William II., the other of the reigning king, Frederick William III. From Thomas Boylston Adams, Esq.

One hundred and thirty-two Copper Coins, chiefly British; specimens of Petrifications, &c., from Poole's Hole, in Derbyshire; specimens of Lead Ore, from the Goodluck Mines, in Stanley Moor, Derbyshire; specimens of Copper Ore, from Ecton Mines, Derbyshire; specimens of Lead Ore, from the Ban Moor, Derbyshire; specimens of Lead Ore, from the Owen Mines, near the Peak Hole; specimens of Fluors, Petrifications, &c., from the Waterhill Mines, near Castleton; specimens of Spars, from the Speedwell Mines, Castleton; specimens of Limestone, from Fairfield, Derbyshire; specimens of Petrifications, from the Peak Hole, Derbyshire; specimens of Calamine and other Ores of Zinc, from the Botany Bay Mine, Castleton; and specimens of Crystals, from the Diamond Hill, Derbyshire. From Mr. William Coolidge.

Tube of an East Indian Pipe, from Mr. Shubael Bell.

A Rhode Island Bill and a German Copper Coin, from Mr. Chadwick.

Two Massachusetts Bills, a New York Bill, and a Silver Coin of Charles II., from Mr. Benjamin Hanners.

Several Massachusetts Bills, from Mr. Thomas Fleet.

Indian Utensils, from Mr. Cyrus Comstock, of Wrentham.

Four Heads of Indian Arrows, from David Nye, Esq., of Falmouth.

A Powder Horn, taken from the Indians at Norridgewock, from Dr. Richard Bourne, of Barnstable.

Massacre of the National Guard at Montauban, May 10, 1790,—a print, from Mr. Azor. Archbald.

A Hortus Siccus of Plants, natives of Demerara, collected by the donor, Mr. Thomas Pieronnet.

A Half Eagle, the first impression, from Mr. Desaussure.

An Indian Pouch, a Spar, and a Stone, from Mr. Williams, of Hatfield.

A Rebeck (a musical instrument), and a curious Spoon, from the Ivory Coast of Africa, from Captain Boyd.

Two large Maps, from Professor Ebeling.

A large Map of South America, from Christopher Gore, Esq.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1800.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 29, 1800,—the members present were, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, J. Freeman, Gannett, Harris, Homer, Kirkland, Mellen, Morse, Pearson, Perkins, Quincy, Turell, and Winthrop.

The members proceeded to the annual election of officers:—

JAMES SULLIVAN	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM TUDOR	„	TREASURER.
JOHN ELIOT	„	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES FREEMAN	„	RECORDING SECRETARY.
JOHN T. KIRKLAND	„	LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL TURELL	„	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES WINTHROP	} were chosen .	STANDING COMMITTEE.
PETER THACHER		
REDFORD WEBSTER		
JOHN DAVIS		
JOSIAH QUINCY		

Voted, That the Standing Committee be a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

MARSTON WATSON, Esq., and WILLIAM SULLIVAN, Esq., were chosen Resident Members.

Voted, That Mr. Gannett have leave to take out of the Library the four volumes of Andrews's History of the American War.

Voted, That the Publishing Committee be requested to print four hundred copies of the Laws and Regulations of the Society in a separate pamphlet.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, July 17, 1800, — the members present were, Bartlett, Bentley, J. Davis, Eliot, Fiske, J. Freeman, Holmes, Kilham, Minot, Morse, Sewall, J. Sullivan, W. Sullivan, Thacher, Tudor, Turell, and Webster.

Voted, That the Committee for Publications for the year 1799, — viz., George Richards Minot, John Davis, John T. Kirkland, and Josiah Quincy, — together with the Treasurer, be a committee to determine on the best method of procuring money to defray the expense of the last publication of the Society's Collections, and to settle the printer's account therefor in such manner as they shall judge best; and that the same Committee have authority to dispose of the numbers on hand in such a manner as they may find to be for the advantage of the Corporation.

The Hon. Theodore Foster, Esq., being engaged in writing a History of the State of Rhode Island,* and it

* In a long letter from Washington City, Dec. 29, 1800, to Dr. Eliot, acknowledging his election to this Society, Mr. Foster said: —

“About thirty-eight years ago, the late Governor Hopkins, of Rhode Island, commenced ‘An Historical Account of the Settlement and Growth of Providence,’ published in the ‘Providence Gazette’ [in 1765], with a view of encouraging and establishing the circulation of that newspaper, the first published in Providence. This was the principal object. After a few weekly publications, the History was dropped, and no regular history of the State has since been attempted. After Mr. Hopkins left Congress, during the Revolutionary War, I requested him to resume his History of the State, of which he knew more than any other man. He replied that he was aged and infirm, and that it pained him to write; that, therefore, he could not think of it. Seeing no prospect that it would be undertaken by another, I turned my attention to the subject, have collected materials, and begun the work, which, if I live to finish it, I mean to publish; and, in that case, shall present a copy to the Massachusetts Historical Society, with a number of original manuscripts, never published, illustrative of New England history.”

Mr. Foster, it is believed, gave nothing to the press, but his valuable materials

being convenient for him to take out of the Library a greater number of books than is usually permitted to members, and the Society wishing to afford him every aid within their power ; therefore,

Voted, That he be allowed to take out such books and documents as the Librarian and Recording Secretary shall think proper.

Voted, That Dr. Dexter have leave to take out of the Library the four volumes of Andrews's History of the American War.

Nominations: John Adams, LL.D., President of the United States, a Resident Member, by James Sullivan ; His Excellency Caleb Strong, Esq., Governor of the Commonwealth, a Resident Member, by Peter Thacher ; Thomas L. Winthrop, Esq., a Resident Member, by George Richards Minot ; Hon. Theodore Foster, Esq., of Providence, a Corresponding Member, by James Freeman.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, July 31, 1800,—the members present were, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, J. Freeman, Lincoln, Minot, Morse, Price, Quincy, Spooner, J. Sullivan, W. Sullivan, Turell, and Webster.

JOHN ADAMS, LL.D., President of the United States, and His Excellency CALEB STRONG, Esq., Governor of the Commonwealth, were chosen Resident Members.

were subsequently used by the late Judge Staples, in his "Annals of the Town of Providence," mention of which is made in the preface to that work.

Mr. Hopkins's "Account of Providence" was subsequently inserted in 2 Mass. Hist. Soc. Collections, IX. 166-203. — Eds.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 28, 1800,—the members present were, Dexter, Eliot, J. Freeman, Holmes, Morse, Pearson, Perkins, Quincy, and Winthrop.

Voted, That the President, Judge Tudor, and Judge Minot be a committee to join a committee of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, for the purpose of petitioning the General Court that they would grant to the two Societies the plates of the maps of the State, after the several branches of the Government have been supplied with the requisite number of copies.

Voted, That Mr. Pearson have leave to take out of the Library Ebeling's map of the District of Maine.

THOMAS L. WINTHROP, Esq., of Boston, was chosen a Resident Member; Hon. THEODORE FOSTER, Esq., of Providence, was chosen a Corresponding Member.*

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1801.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 27, 1801,—the members present were, D. Davis, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, J. Freeman, Gannett, Harris, Holmes, Kirkland, Mellen, Minot, Morse, Pearson, Prince, J. Sullivan, W. Sullivan, Thacher, Tudor, J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop.

* Marston Watson, of Boston, who was chosen a member in April, 1800, died in August of the same year. A memoir of him, by Judge Davis, is in Vol. VIII. of the Collections, pp. 80, 81.—Eds.